

The broad reach of satellite radio is particularly important to those in smaller cities and rural areas. If we as a nation are to bridge the gaps between metro areas then satellite radio services are every bit as important as satellite television services.

While these areas still lack access internet and cable-tv, satellite service has filled the gap for tv and now radio reception. Just remember - this fight was waged once already against cable and satellite providers by network television. But since television network stations are available, then why shouldn't radio networks - and especially for the most important of all information. Traffic and Weather? Take that away and you'll have people in their cars who can't take a detour when network radio announces a traffic problem due to a security threat, or wildfire, or hurricane.

Satellite radio like satellite tv/cable is a service the consumer pays for. Where is the logic in restricting access to a paid service? I would think this an opportunity for network radio to expand - a la nbc/msnbc, etc.